



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of : ATTN: BOX AF
Masayuki TAKAHASHI : Confirmation No. 7609
Serial No. 09/673,518 : Docket No. 2000-1416A
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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Responsive to the final Office Action dated April 2, 2004, the period for response to which having been extended by one month to August 2, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows.